(c) In view of the Research Contributions from the member cement companies as well as NCB's own internal generation of funds through sponsored projects, testing training etc., NCB has not been seeking Government grant to meet its recurring expenditure and accordingly no grant in aid from the Government has been sought for and/or received since 1984.

(d) The Staff Association of NCB has made a representation seeking *inter-alia* release of funds to the Institute. However, the Board of Governors of NCB is fully seized of the matter.

Vayudoot to take aircraft on lease from Romanian Government

1238. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vayudoot is working out a deal with Romanian Government for taking over four aircraft on lease basis against rupee payments; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) Vayudoot are contemplating to secure on lease some BAC-1-11 aircraft from Romania. Details with regard to the number of aircraft, leasing terms and mode of payment have not been finalised.

Supply of chemical products to manufacturing units located in distant places

1239. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Chemical Industries Association has demanded the Freight Equalisation Policy for chemical products like methanol so as to maintain regional balance in in their supplies from Public Sector Units; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to supply chemical products to the manufacturing units located in distant places which have to pay more transport charges at present?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir; a reference has been received from the Chemical Industries Association, Madras. However, Govt. do not consider it necessary to evolve such a policy for the chemical products in question.

Thermal power plant envisaged during the eighth plan period

1240. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up some new thermal power plants during the Eighth Plan Period;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what places have been identified for their location?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIA ENTARY AFFAIRS: (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Eighth Plan has not been finalised so far and the details of the power projects envisaged during the Eighth Plan period would be known only after its finalisation.

Appointment of senior doctor in L. N. J. P. Hospital, New Delhi

1241. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH